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CITY ATTORNEY INVESTIGATES ALLEGATIONS OF PENSION MANIPULATION BY FIRE OFFICIALS

San Diego, CA: City Attorney Michael Aguirre has opened a criminal investigation into allegations that a pattern of promotions within the Fire Department were motivated to boost pension retirement benefits for certain fire officials. The investigation will be conducted by the Criminal Division's Public Integrity Unit.

The investigation is a result of a recent article by the San Diego Union Tribune (April 16, 2006) highlighting a number of promotions of battalion chiefs to deputy chief or division chief that appear to take advantage of the retirement system's provision whereby pension benefits are tied to an employee's highest one-year salary.

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